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Dear Examiner Cross:

Attached is an Amendment and Response and a Petition for Extension of Time to be filed in connection with the referenced Office Action.

I look forward to discussing this response with you should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 29, 2004 (the "Office Action") for the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

A petition and appropriate fee for a one month extension of time, up to and including July 29, 2004, are submitted herewith. If any additional fees are due, the Director is authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 501191 (Order No. SYP-166).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.